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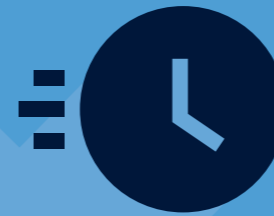
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40 Auto, Aero
and Rail OEMs



within a **four-hour**
drive of 90% of the
British population



60 minutes
from
London



Silicon Spa
one of the UK's
largest Game
Development
clusters



3,000
firms support
Creative and
Digital sector



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21 universities and
400,000 students
within a one hour
drive time



Commercial space
up to **70%** more
affordable than
London and **30%**
compared with
Birmingham



High rate of
international patenting



R&D Centres of Excellence
in Advanced Engineering &
Manufacturing, Connected &
Autonomous Vehicles, Battery and
Low Carbon Technologies, Game
Development & Digital Technologies

**HELLO AND
WELCOME**



Coventry & Warwickshire is a forward thinking, innovative and creative region. **We want you to be a part of our story.**

Our region is bursting with historical roots. From skills to craft, famed for the earliest surgical needles to the wit and wisdom of our celebrated playwright, William Shakespeare. The modern bicycle traces its lineage back to the Starley "Rover" safety cycle, forerunner of the Land Rover brand. The ingenuity of Sir Frank Whittle and his first prototype jet engines began the jet age here.



Scenes from Coventry City of Culture 2021

The iconic E-Type and XJ Jaguars helped make the swinging sixties and take vehicle refinement to a new level. 'Silicon Spa' earned its name thanks to the emerging local studios and their racing games have put generations of gamers in the driving seat.



WMG - research and education group, University of Warwick

Coventry & Warwickshire is constantly at the forefront of innovation and bright ideas.

Today, net-zero carbon, battery, EV and hydrogen powered, connected and autonomous vehicle technologies are being developed and manufactured here. Demonstrating that Coventry & Warwickshire creativity continues to drive innovation in global markets.

We are home to a range of business sectors, with particular strengths in:

- > Automotive & Future Mobility
- > Business Professional & Financial Services
- > Creative Industries & Video Game Development

With a rich creative and industrial heritage, Coventry & Warwickshire looks forward to an equally exciting future. We have an exceptional reputation for attracting and supporting many of the world's most successful businesses.

Coventry & Warwickshire is one of the leading destinations in Europe for FDI (Foreign Direct Investment). Located at the heart of the UK, we have a strong track record of attracting global companies to the area, and it is (per capita) the leading location choice in the Midlands.

Coventry & Warwickshire has all the elements to help make your business a success - a highly skilled and diverse talent pool, dynamic business environment, with a range of workspaces, business and technology parks, a growing R&D infrastructure together with a central UK location.



CGI image of Greenpower Park, Coventry



We offer the following free and confidential support services

- > Commercial property searches and location advice
- > Planning and Business Rates information
- > Local intelligence – from demographics to sector analysis
- > Introductions to local networks and organisations
- > Information on funding and innovation support
- > Recruitment and skills development
- > Help with PR and promotion
- > Export support

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BE Successful HERE

Locate to Coventry & Warwickshire and access a truly unique eco-system. A long tradition of creating and innovating has seen the automotive and aerospace industries established here, and in more recent years the arrival of IBM and Codemasters saw the digital creative sector and video game development rapidly develop and grow. Over time the critical mass of these industries has seen a unique public and private R&D eco system develop. We're home to two leading universities, and another 19 within a one-hour drive time.









The University of Warwick is globally renowned for its research and includes Warwick Business School and leading links to the manufacturing industry, through WMG and four thriving tech parks, under the UWSP brand (University of Warwick Science Park). Coventry University is one of the UK's leading modern universities and is investing heavily in its city centre estate. This includes the £55m Engineering & Computing Building, the £30m investment into the new Faculty of Arts & Humanities building housing state-of-the-art immersive technologies, the 15,000sqft National Transport Design Centre (NTDC) and the £50m low carbon C-ALPs Centre in partnership with FEV Ltd.

We have two advanced manufacturing catapult centres, promoting research and development through business-led collaboration between scientists, engineers and industry OEMs and SMEs. We have design and testing facilities for aerospace, automotive and rail and strong clusters of OEMs and their supply chains are investing heavily in transport technologies.

Digital Creative companies here include leading design, global technology, and software players, including the 'Silicon Spa' video game development cluster, together with a strong start-up culture and tailored space and support for start-ups.

Welcome to the technologies of tomorrow here today in Coventry & Warwickshire.



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30+
Automotive Design and Engineering Centres
- 
2 Aerospace Centres of Excellence
- 
3/6 CAM Testbed UK Facilities
- 
21 universities within a one hour drive time
- 
 Centre of Very Light Rail Technology
- 
6 Battery and Engine Manufacturing Sites
- 
2 High value Manufacturing Catapult Centres
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 Creative Policy and evidence centre - Hotspots C&W Creative Hub (2024)

Future Transport is

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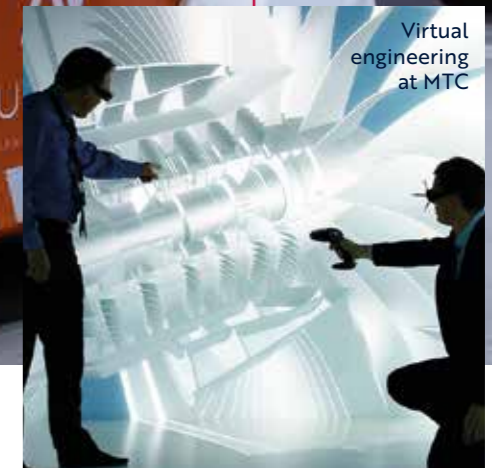
Aurigo Lutz Pathfinder Pod

Future Mobility is driving forward commercial property development for office and industrial, with a pipeline in excess of £2.5bn*. Current highlights include:

- ▶ **Greenpower Park**, part of the Coventry & Warwick Giga Park Investment Zone, is set to become the home of the UK's largest Gigafactory with outline planning granted for a facility which could accommodate up to 60 GWh of production capability, enough to power 600,000 electric vehicles per year.
- ▶ **The £130m 200,000sqm UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC)**, was officially opened in 2021.
- ▶ **MIRA South Site** has received planning to deliver a high-quality, masterplan development incorporating 2.3m sq ft of large scale manufacturing and industrial facilities that are complementary to the extensive R&D facilities and campus at the existing MIRA Tech Park.
- ▶ **Lotus Engineering** has established the Advanced Technology Centre (LATC) at University of Warwick Innovation Campus, to develop EV platforms.
- ▶ **Polestar** is one of a growing number of OEMs developing new product at MIRA Technology Park.
- ▶ **REE Auto**, the technology company, has created a commercial EV plant in Coventry.
- ▶ **Porterbrook**, the rail leasing company, recently acquired the freehold on the 135-acre Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre, having already invested £75m there since 2021.



Polestar 5 EV among the vehicle programmes in development here.



Virtual engineering at MTC



Coventry & Warwickshire is home to businesses driving forward global technologies including EV battery and energy storage, deployment of hydrogen in transport, and connected and autonomous technologies.

The birthplace of the modern bicycle and the first UK volume car manufacturing factory, Coventry & Warwickshire is at the forefront of the future mobility and green industrial revolution.

The region has the highest concentration of transport technology design, engineering, and manufacturing facilities in the UK, with major OEMs including Aston Martin Lagonda, BMW, Geely, JLR,

London EV Company and Rolls Royce Aerospace, with a growing supply chain for net-zero carbon vehicle technology.

As well as vehicle propulsion tech for EV and hydrogen, the area is a major centre for very light rail and autonomy in vehicles.

With so much expertise and opportunity here, Coventry and Warwickshire is the ideal location for Future Transport businesses.

*Source: Invest Coventry & Warwickshire 2018-2022

BE Creative HERE

Interactive Futures,
video game
showcase



1 Mill Street in
Leamington Spa

"The digital economy is changing how we work, innovate and collaborate, Be Here in Coventry & Warwickshire where we are creating spaces fit for these new economies"



Coventry & Warwickshire has a vibrant creative and digital sector employing some of the UK's most creative minds with strengths in design, software consulting, video game development, digital marketing, Virtual and Augmented Reality, filmmaking and theatre. Recognised globally, Coventry & Warwickshire is home to the largest video game development cluster outside of Greater London, producing some of the best know IP in the world. Dubbed locally as Silicon Spa, it employs over 3000 people, predominately anchored around the town of Royal Leamington Spa with over 50 studios at its core. We are seeing unprecedented growth, with a further 500 jobs set to be created in the coming year.

Strong growth in demand for grade A, open plan offices across the town centre is helping unlock the development of Royal Leamington Spa in the area known locally as Old Town. The new Creative Quarter, is a mixture of direct investment from the local authority and private partners, and the wider promotion of the opportunity for private sector investment. The video game development cluster is one part of a wider creative ecosystem in Coventry & Warwickshire, covering design, marketing and branding, software, AR/VR, digital content, Proptech, TV and film and product development. These areas support the many HQs in the local area as well as national and international clients.

Recent Highlights:

- ▶ Marketing agency **Cogent**, has relocated and invested in Leamington's Creative Quarter, creating an exciting opportunity for local creatives which includes a new coworking space called **The Fold** and includes a state of the art green screen and audio suites.
 - ▶ **Leamington Creative Quarter** is regenerating the old town of Royal Leamington Spa to develop a new Creative Quarter, with a particular focus on the booming video games industry as well as other creative and digital industries, providing space and the urban lifestyle that is key to further expansion of one of the UK's leading creative clusters.
 - ▶ **Lighthouse Games** is a brand-new AAA Games studio that's choosing to make Silicon Spa its home.
 - ▶ **Coventry University** has invested over
- £30m into their new faculty of arts and humanities building which is home to state-of-the-art immersive technologies and a collaborative hyper lab.
- ▶ **The IBM Warwick Campus** has been reimagined as The Point and The Woods, over 100,000sqft of high quality grade A office for tech companies.
 - ▶ **Daimler Powerhouse** in Coventry is a new Creation Centre based around the Canal Basin where artists, engineers, architects, and other creative industries can collaborate. The development is part of a residential led mixed-use scheme which includes vibrant workspaces for cultural and creative businesses.

Coventry & Warwickshire has a thriving business professional and financial services sector (BPFS), with a long history centred on Coventry City Centre, Leamington Spa, Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick. Many businesses have chosen to locate their headquarters here.

There is a diverse cluster of national and international businesses here, making it an attractive location for professional and finance service firms.

Take the opportunity to enter one of the UK's fastest growing regional BPFS clusters, with major corporates such as **Severn Trent** and **NFU Mutual**.

Coventry & Warwickshire continues to thrive in a globally competitive market, aligned with the strengths that Coventry offers in terms of infrastructure, expertise and talent. University graduates, talented apprentices and globally recognised research centres.

19,000 local students studying business related courses at our two leading universities, Coventry University and the University of Warwick.

Coventry & Warwickshire's population is diverse, with labour costs in the sector up to 40% lower and business premises up to 70% more affordable than London and 30% compared with Birmingham.

Being located in the region gives businesses the potential to develop and grow. It also allows them the opportunity to engage with key sectors – including advanced manufacturing, transport technologies and future mobility – as well as creative and digital industries.



Local opportunities and Key highlights

- › **Warwick Business School (WBS)** is one of the most prestigious and highly ranked business schools globally. The Business School offers undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD degree programs, as well as non-degree executive education for individuals and companies.
- › **Coventry Business School** offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, including MBA's and has excellent links with national and international organisations, major banks and Governmental agencies. The University's research is rated as "world leading" and "internationally excellent" in latest Research Excellence Framework (REF) Establishing the institution on the global map.
- › **Friargate Development** - this transformative new destination for Coventry offers a fresh perspective and bold new approach to working and living. With a world class commercial offer in an unbeatable location - adjacent to

Coventry Railway Station, Friargate is just 60mins from London and 10mins from Birmingham International Airport. The scheme includes Two Friargate, a premier grade A office development as part of Coventry's growing business district. The second of three developments set to be a landmark site for the wider region as one of the largest new office buildings in the UK.

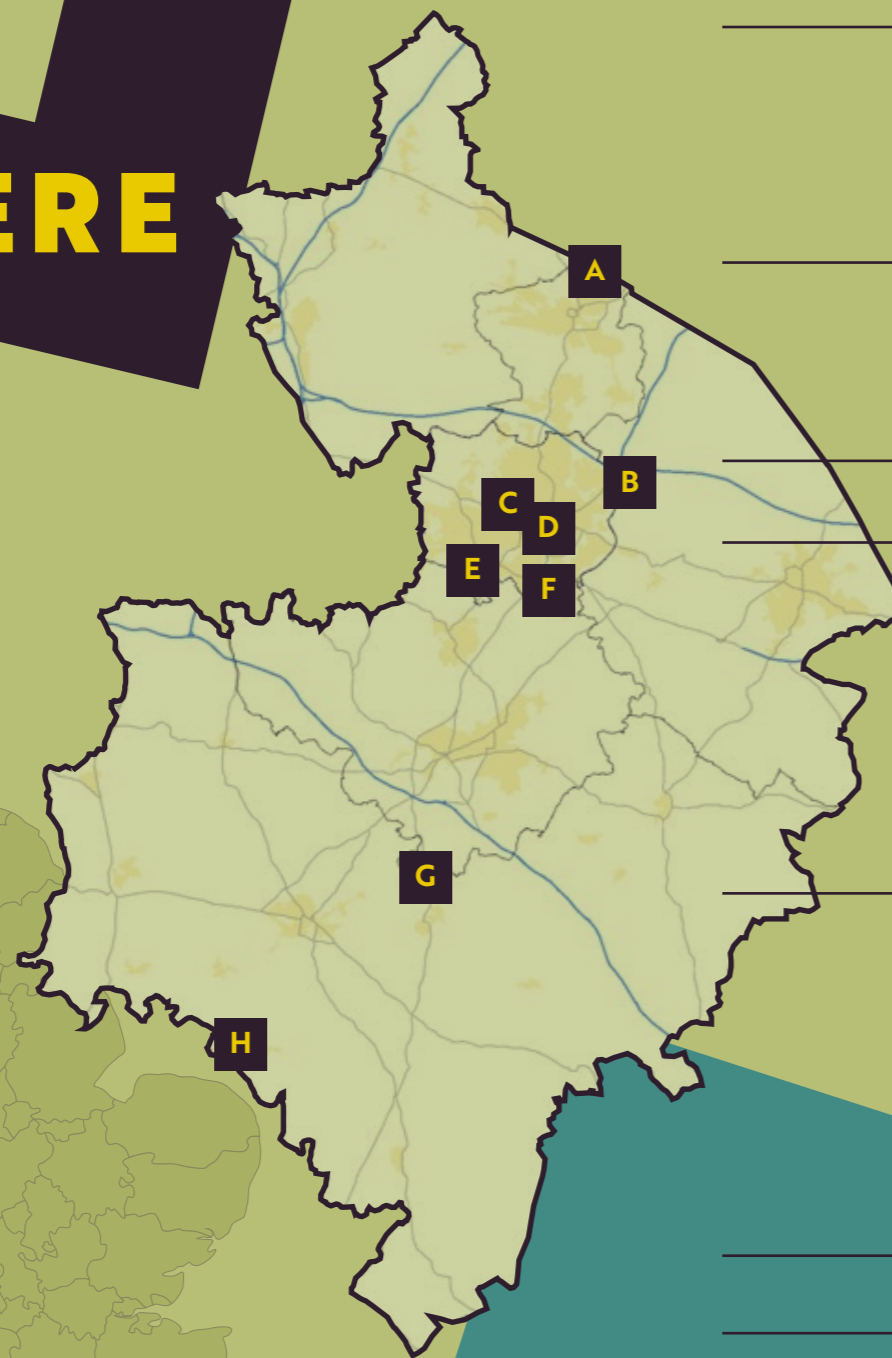
- › **Warwick Tech Park** is a major grade A office development between Leamington Spa and Warwick, and includes tech companies IBM, National Grid HQ, Rebellion Games and Warwick Innovation Centre.
- › **Favoured location for UK and European HQ activity.** Home to HQs of Severn Trent, NFU Mutual, Coventry Building Society, Wright Hassall and trade bodies including RICs, Valpak, the Midlands Aerospace Alliance (MAA) and the Motorsport Industry Association (MIA).

Grow

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Innovate

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A MIRA Technology Park
HORIBA MIRA
Vehicle Testing Facilities
MIRA R&D Campus
MIRA Technology Institute (MTI)

B MTC Campus
Manufacturing Technology Centre
High Value Advanced Manufacturing Catapult Centre
Lloyds Bank Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre

C Centre for Sustainable Production

D Coventry University
National Transport Design Centre (NTDC)
Centre for Advanced Low Carbon Propulsion Systems (C-ALPS)
The Simulation Centre
Institute for Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering
Centre for Immersive Technologies
Electric Revolution Skills Hub
Institute of Coding

E University of Warwick
WMG High Value Advanced Manufacturing Catapult Centre
Automotive Composites Centre
National Automotive Innovation Centre (NAIC)
High Value Advanced Manufacturing Catapult Centre
Warwick Business School
Advanced Propulsion Centre
Zenzic (Connected Automated Mobility)

F UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC)

G University of Warwick Innovation Campus, Stratford-upon-Avon

H Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre
Mainline linked oval track for low-speed rail testing
Home to annual technology event Rail Live

Visit HERE



The 1018-seat Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon, the RSC main auditorium



Coventry Cathedral

The visitor economy in Coventry & Warwickshire continues to attract strong visitor numbers with an expanding range of visitor attractions and accommodation.

Coventry's visitor economy continues to grow beyond pre-pandemic levels, enjoying record levels year on year. Between 2019 and 2022, visitor numbers increased by 10.2%. The visitor economy was worth £750.86 million in 2022, with percentage growth in visitor numbers nearly double that of the wider West Midlands region.

In Warwickshire, the county saw a £414m increase* in 2022 compared with 2021, attracting over 15 million visitors.

There have always been lots of reasons to visit here. We're home to the Belgrade Theatre, British Motor Museum, Coventry Cathedral, Coventry Transport Museum, Royal Shakespeare Company and Warwick Castle to name a few.

Recent visitor economy investments include the renovation of the history rich masterpiece that is **St Mary's Guildhall**, includes immersive guides utilising augmented and virtual reality. The display and interpretation of the prestigious Coventry Tapestry has also been revitalised and the Undercroft and Guild room repurposed to offer a café/ bar experience. We are developing a **Collection Centre** and **Cultural Gateway** in Coventry City Centre. This collaboration between the City Council, Arts Council England, the British Council, Culture Coventry Trust and Coventry University will create a new, shared, national Collections Centre that will provide state of the arts facilities for the management and research of national and local collections, along with associated educational and learning facilities.

The **Warwick Arts Centre** building, a new £2m wing of **The British Motor Museum**, **Go Ape!** at **Coombe Abbey Park**, the £37m water park, **The Wave**, in Coventry City Centre, are all major developments that have enhanced the visitor experience in recent years.

Recent hotel developments include the 88-room boutique hotel at the former **Coventry Telegraph Building** in Coventry City Centre with **Hotel Indigo** opened in January 2024, and a new 145 bed **Hampton**

by Hilton in Nuneaton, due to open September 2024, as part of the Grayson Place food & beverage culture and leisure development project.

In recent years, **Coventry & Warwickshire** has hosted several events including those throughout the **Commonwealth Games**, broadcasting the **MOBO Awards** and our city of Coventry played host to **BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend**. These major events continue to provide a spotlight for the region and enhanced visitor numbers and local spend. There's so much to see and do here, and many visitor economy investment opportunities.

*Coventry data from STEAM Data for Destination Coventry 2022
*Warwickshire data sourced from "Tourism Economic Impact Assessment" 2022, prepared by The Research Solution (TRS)



Leamington Parade, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire



Godiva Festival



Camper Calling



Leamington Food Festival



Pub in the Park



Motofest

Live & Learn **HERE**

This area has a dynamic and vast education sector, with a range of provision for students to gain high quality skills across our key industries. Our businesses can draw from a diverse range of skillsets, particularly within science and technology-based subjects.

We're pioneers of innovative collaborations between industry and our colleges, universities, and local training providers. **The University of Warwick** and **Coventry University** are leading international universities, with over 67,000 students, 45% of which are international students, attracting new talent to Coventry & Warwickshire from around the world.

The Lloyds Bank Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre, the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, and MIRA Technology Institute are among the organisations offering cutting edge technical training and development.

Meanwhile, **SAE Institute**, one of the global leaders in its field, has chosen to site its new campus in the Leamington Spa Creative Quarter, co-located with industry partners. SAE will be offering two-year degrees in a wide range of growth creative industries, including audio, content creation and online marketing, film, game art animation, games programming and visual effects. SAE Leamington Spa will join a global network of more than 40 campuses, including three existing UK campuses located in London, Liverpool, and Glasgow.

There are a total of 21 universities accessible within an hour, to draw further talent from. Growing our skills base here starts from an early age, with a mix of successful schools and colleges, developing a pipeline of STEAM skills and expertise among our young people.

Our education offer includes a variety of successful schools throughout the region, rich with opportunity for development through to our higher education, apprenticeship and offers. We're pioneers of the University Technical Colleges or UTCs. WMG operates two UTCs that are encouraging young people to study science, technology, engineering, and maths.

The ongoing development of skills in the workforce is championed by our colleges, training providers, universities, and local industry. The excellent skills base here is one of our greatest assets.



21 universities within a one hour drive time



400,000 students within 1 hour drive

Student at WMG, part of The University of Warwick



Young people aged 16-24 represent **11%** of local population
45% of students are international;
67,000 full time education students in Coventry & Warwickshire



Modern architecture of Coventry University



Graduating at Coventry University

"The excellent skills base here is one of our greatest assets."



University of Warwick campus

BE Connected



Coventry and Warwickshire is a well-connected central location. At the heart of the UK motorway network with easy access to M1, M5, M6, M69, M40, M42 and M45, excellent rail links to the whole of the UK, and in close proximity to 2 major airports, basing your business here gives you easy national and international access.

- Freight:**
- 1 Birmingham Intermodal Freight Terminal (BIFT)
 - 2 Bedworth Rail Freight Terminal DIRFT – Daventry Intermodal Rail Freight Terminal
 - 3

- Railway stations:**
- A Coventry
 - B Leamington Spa
 - C Rugby
 - D Nuneaton
 - E Warwick Parkway
 - F Coleshill
 - G Stratford Parkway
 - H Kenilworth
 - I Coventry Arena Station

- Airports:**
- J Birmingham International
 - K Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield
 - L East Midlands Airport

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<p>TALENT</p>	<p>GRADUATES</p>	<p>SUPPLY CHAIN</p>
<p>Automotive employees 45,000+</p>	<p>Local Students 67,000+</p>	<p>Games Studios 50+</p>
<p>Game Development employees 3,000+</p>	<p>Within 1hr 21 Universities 400,000 students</p>	<p>Design & Engineering Studios 30+</p>
<p>Aerospace employees 2,000+</p>	<p>COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE</p>	<p>Vehicle Manufacturing sites 20</p>
		<p>Battery Manufacturing and Recycling Sites 4</p>
		<p>Vehicle OEMs 40</p>



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